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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☐ patent application of  
☐ continuation patent application of  
☐ divisional patent application of  
☒ continuation-in-part patent application of

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: JEFFREY H. BURBANK et al.

For: VALVE PORT AND METHOD FOR VASCULAR ACCESS

- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

60/036/124, filed January 21, 1997; 08/942,990, filed October 2, 1997

the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 15 page(s) of specification  
☒ 2 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 8 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☒ A ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration.  
☐ A Power of Attorney.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
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